

Please add the following new claims:

41. (New) A method for installing a seal in a bearing assembly, the method comprising:

positioning a first seal member adjacent to a first annular interface in an inner ring;

positioning a second seal member adjacent to a second annular interface in an outer ring;

crimping the first seal member to deform a portion of the first seal member into the first annular interface in the inner ring;

crimping the second seal member to deform a portion of the second seal member into the second annular interface in the outer ring; and

assembling the bearing assembly such that the first and second seal members cooperate with one another to seal at least a portion of the bearing assembly.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising forming the first annular interface in the inner ring.

43. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising forming the second annular interface in the outer ring.

44. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:
centering at least one of the first seal member and second seal member in a collet;
and

slidably engaging at least one of the inner ring and the outer ring into the at least one of the first seal member and the second seal member to close the collet around the respective one of the first seal member and the second seal member.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the collet includes a plurality of flexible fingers each terminating in a crimping head, and disposing the collet to undergo